(a) the Government's efforts to recruit more minorities in the para-military forces;

(b) the total number of minorities that have been so far recruited and what is the total recruitment that will be made from minorities in these forces;

(c) whether para-military forces have also been directed to employ more and more in their respective forces; and

(d) if so, to what extent these para-military forces have implemented the directives of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Central Police Forces carry out recruitment strictly in accordance with the policy laid down by the Government. Wide publicity is given to the programme of recruitment through Employment News and leading national and local newspapers particularly in the areas of concentration of minorities. One officer belonging to minority community is detailed as a member in the Recruitment Boards. During the last 3 years, 12166 persons belonging to minority communities have been recruited. The CPFs will continue the recruitment process in accordance with the Government policy in future also.

Stampede at CISF recruitment at Jaipur

697. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) had planned a recruitment camp for selection of 400 posts in CISF at Jaipur recently;

(b) whether there was an abnormal turn out of more than 60,000 candidates at the venue resulting in stampede and death of one candidate;

(c) whether CISF officials had sought the help of the local police to control and regulate the crowd;

(d) whether CISF had cancelled the recruitment on the scheduled date; and

(e) if so, whether the applicants/aspirants were notified in advance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Jaipur was one of the our centres for recruitment against 404 vacancies advertised for the post of Followers by CISF.

(b) Two candidates got seriously injured in the unexpected rush, one of whom succumbed to injuries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Following the incidents on 11.2.2008, recruitment was cancelled. Cancellation was announced and displayed at the venue.

Waiving off outstanding loan of Goa and Daman and Diu

698. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to waive Rs. 239 crore of outstanding loan to Goa and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu;

(b) the quantum of loan proposed to be waived;

(c) whether any other loan is outstanding against Goa as part of former Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 239.22 crore

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Madhav Menon Committee on Criminal Justice System

699. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by Madhav Menon Committee on Criminal Justice System;

(b) the contents of Draft Policy circulated to all the State Governments for their views/ comments and reactions of States thereto; and

(c) the view taken by Government on the Draft Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Some of the major recommendations suggested in the report, *inter-alia,* include, suggestions relating to reclassification of crimes with the objective of empowering victims, speedy and efficacious delivery of justice, sentencing guidelines for purposive punishment, safeguarding the interest of the weaker sections, use of science and technology for Criminal Justice Reforms and compensation for victims etc.

(b) and (c) As the criminal law and criminal procedure falls in the concurrent list of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, and as the recommendations of the Committee have wide ranging implications, copies of the Report have been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for their views and suggestions. Only the States of Haryana, Sikkim and Orissa and Union Territories of Puducherry and A & N Administration have responded. Taking a view on the report is subject to receipt of comments from the State Governments and the Central Government further taking a holistic view on the recommendations for which no time frame can be fixed.

Attack on churches and prayer halls in Orissa

700. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the attack on churches and prayer halls in the tribal dominated Kandhamal district of Orissa during the last week of December, 2007;